



October 12th, 2025

18th Sunday after Pentecost - Tone 1
Holy Fathers of the 7th Ecumenical Council

Scripture Readings

2 Corinthians 9:6-11 (Epistle)

But this I say: "He who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully." So let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound toward you, that you, always having all sufficiency in all things, may have an abundance for every good work. As it is written: "He has dispersed abroad, He has given to the poor; His righteousness endures forever." Now may He who supplies seed to the sower, and bread for food, supply and multiply the seed you have sown and increase the fruits of your righteousness, while you are enriched in everything for all liberality, which causes thanksgiving through us to God.

Hebrews 13:7-16 (Epistle, Fathers)

Remember those who rule over you, who have spoken the word of God to you, whose faith follow, considering the outcome of their conduct. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever. Do not be carried about with various and strange doctrines. For it is good that the heart be established by grace, not with foods which have not profited those who have been occupied with them. We have an altar from which those who serve the tabernacle have no right to eat. For the bodies of those animals, whose blood is brought into the sanctuary by the high priest for sin, are burned outside the camp. Therefore Jesus also, that He might sanctify the people with His own blood, suffered outside the gate. Therefore let us go forth to Him, outside the camp, bearing His reproach. For here we have no continuing city, but we seek the one to come. Therefore by Him let us continually offer the sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of our lips, giving thanks to His name. But do not forget to do good and to share, for with such sacrifices God is well pleased.

Luke 7:11-16 (Gospel)

Now it happened, the day after, that He went into a city called Nain; and many of His disciples went with Him, and a large crowd.

And when He came near the gate of the city, behold, a dead man was being carried out, the only son of his mother; and she was a widow. And a large crowd from the city was with her. When the Lord saw her, He had compassion on her and said to her, "Do not weep." Then He came and touched the open coffin, and those who carried him stood still. And He said, "Young man, I say to you, arise." So he who was dead sat up and began to speak. And He presented him to his mother. Then fear came upon all, and they glorified God, saying, "A great prophet has risen up among us"; and, "God has visited His people."

John 17:1-13 (Gospel, Fathers)

Jesus spoke these words, lifted up His eyes to heaven, and said: "Father, the hour has come. Glorify Your Son, that Your Son also may glorify You, as You have given Him authority over all flesh, that He should give eternal life to as many as You have given Him. And this is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent. I have glorified You on the earth. I have finished the work which You have given Me to do. And now, O Father, glorify Me together with Yourself, with the glory which I had with You before the world was. I have manifested Your name to the men whom You have given Me out of the world. They were Yours, You gave them to Me, and they have kept Your word. Now they have known that all things which You have given Me are from You. For I have given to them the words which You have given Me; and they have received them, and have known surely that I came forth from You; and they have believed that You sent Me. I pray for them. I do not pray for the world but for those whom You have given Me, for they are Yours. And all Mine are Yours, and Yours are Mine, and I am glorified in them. Now I am no longer in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to You. Holy Father, keep through Your name those whom You have given Me, that they may be one as We are. While I was with them in the world, I kept them in Your name. Those whom You gave Me I have kept; and none of them is lost except the son of perdition, that the Scripture might be fulfilled. But now I come to You, and these things I speak in the world, that they may have My joy fulfilled in themselves.

Celebrating 120 Years | St. Mary's Orthodox Church

Saint Tikhon and the Roots of Orthodoxy in Southern Colorado

Saint Tikhon (1865–1925), born Vasily Ivanovich Belavin, was a Russian Orthodox hierarch, missionary, and later Patriarch of Moscow, revered for his humility, piety, and tireless service to the Church. From his early life in rural Russia to his leadership in America and later Russia, Saint Tikhon dedicated himself to spreading Orthodoxy, building communities, and caring for the faithful.

In the early 1900s, Saint Tikhon played a pivotal role in establishing Orthodox parishes across southern Colorado.

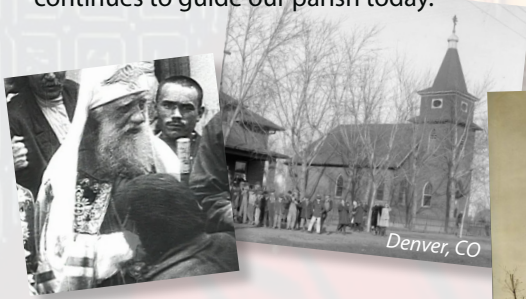
St. Michael's Orthodox Church, Pueblo (1903): Archbishop Tikhon consecrated the church grounds, inspiring Orthodox settlers and laying the foundation for future parishes in the region.

St. Mary's Holy Dormition Orthodox Church, Calhan (1905): He personally consecrated the site, supporting the fledgling parish's founding. This visit encouraged the community to grow in faith, service, and devotion—a legacy that continues today as St. Mary's celebrates 125 years.

Holy Transfiguration Orthodox Cathedral, Denver (1903–1905): Bishop Tikhon received the parish into the Russian Orthodox Church, guided its construction, instructed on liturgical practices, and consecrated the altar, helping Denver's Orthodox faithful establish a lasting spiritual home.

Saint Tikhon's visits were more than ceremonial. His presence strengthened fledgling communities, inspired local believers to take responsibility for their faith, and emphasized personal engagement, service, and love for one's neighbor.

As we celebrate 120 years of St. Mary's, we honor Saint Tikhon's vision: a Church rooted in prayer, devotion, and the care of both soul and community—a vision that continues to guide our parish today.



Troparion | Tone 1 (Resurrection)

When the stone had been sealed by the Jews, while the soldiers were guarding Thy most pure body, Thou didst rise on the third day, O Savior, granting life to the world. The powers of heaven therefore cried to Thee, O Giver of Life: "Glory to Thy Resurrection, O Christ! Glory to Thy Kingdom! Glory to Thy dispensation, O Thou Who lovest mankind!"

Troparion | Tone 8 (Fathers)

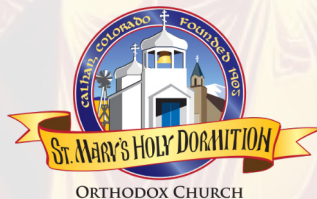
Thou art most glorious, O Christ our God, Who hast established the Holy Fathers as lights on the earth. Through them Thou hast guided us to the True Faith. O greatly compassionate One, glory to Thee!

Kontakion | Tone 1 (Resurrection)

As God, Thou didst rise from the tomb in glory, raising the world with Thyself. Human nature praises Thee as God, for death has vanished. Adam exults, O Master! Eve rejoices, for she is freed from bondage and cries to Thee: "Thou art the Giver of Resurrection to all, O Christ!"

Kontakion | Tone 6 (Fathers)

The Son Who shone forth from the Father was ineffably born, two-fold in nature, of a woman. Having beheld Him, we do not deny the image of His form, but depict it piously and revere it faithfully. Thus, keeping the True Faith, the Church venerates the icon of Christ Incarnate.



Many Years! anniversaries

12th - Steven & Sarah Dumler
16th - Kevin & Brandy Buchner
21st - Dan & Vickie Tipton

birthdays

2nd - Daryl Mikita
3rd - Michael Hlatki
8th - Rita Evanoika
11th - Fr. Stephen Osburn
13th - Theo Nelson
22nd - Luke Fischer
25th - Brady Billmire
27th - Brody Burnside
29th - Steven Dumler

Prayer List living

Met. Tikhon, Abp. Benjamin, Bp. Vasily, Fr. Andreas, Fr. Anthony, Fr. Zechariah, Fr. Dennis, Fr. Silouan, Mother Cassiana, Combs Family

Toni Dell, Tyler, David, Victor, Kyla, Emily, Tony, Diane, Bourg Family, Betty, Muriel, Child Gerhard ✕ Meryl, Harold, Tammy, Litsa, Lilliana, Carl, Christina, Lindy, John, Alicia, Patricia, Danny, Jerry, Roberta, Wendy, Judy, Michael, Jill, Beverly, Infant Dominic, Joseph, Jackie Joan, Trisha, Lee, Carol, Ethan, infant AdaLynn, Nauvlet, Leilah, Austin, Brian, Josh, Mother Magdalena, Kodiak, Miriham, Cheri, infant Gus, April, Madalyn, Makenzie, MaKiya, Hannah, Haylee, Keith, Samantha, Christina, Jake, Jetlyn, Lauren, Bob, Georgianna, Clint, Murl, Carolyn, Millie, child Charlotte, Cathy, Michael.

Those with child: Libbie

Those who are confined: Ethen, Casey, Basil, Mark, Hannah, Theodore

Commemorations

Martyrs Probus, Tarachus, and Andronicus, Saint Cosmas the Hymnographer, Venerable Amphilochius, Abbot of Glushetsa, Martyr Domnina of Anazarbus, Saint Martin the Merciful, Bishop of Tours, "Jerusalem" Icon of the Mother of God, Saint Edwin, King and Martyr, Icon of the Mother of God of Rudens, Translation from Malta to Gatchina: of a Particle of the Life Giving Cross, the Filersk Icon of the Mother of God, and the relic of the Right Hand of John the Baptist, Saint Tarasius of Glushetsa, Saint Macarius, Abbot of Glushetsa, Icon of the Mother of God of Yaroslav-Smolensk, Icon of the Mother of God of Kaluga

Calendar

Today! October 12th Slavic Fest
Following Liturgy
— Sunday 11:00a - 3:00p

October 15th Moleben
Followed by Adult Study
— Wednesday 6:30p

October 18th Great Vespers
— Saturday 6:30p

October 19th Divine Liturgy
— Sunday 9:30a

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